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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - February 21, 2006**

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Jason Wayne Cline was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Marilyn L. Huff to serve 150 months in custody, based on Cline's conviction for an attempted murder committed on the North Island Naval Air Station (N.A.S.). Judge Huff also ordered that Cline serve a 3-year term of supervised release following his release from prison.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Alessandra P. Serano, Cline and his co-defendant Sharonmarie Ball pled guilty on November 22, 2005, to a single-count indictment that charged each of them with attempted murder. Court documents in the case state that on April 5, 2005, Cline and Ball attempted to kill John J. Ball, Sharonmarie's husband, by stabbing him with a large knife. In connection with their guilty pleas, Cline and Ball admitted that they had planned to kill John J. Ball several days prior to the incident, and had purchased the knife two days prior to the attack. Cline had flown from Dallas, Texas, to California to meet with Ball and carry out the murder. Subsequently, Ball lured her husband to a predetermined area on N.A.S. North

Island where Cline was lying in wait. Cline is a sergeant in the United States Army stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Court documents state that Cline and Ball met over the Internet in 2002, but that they first met face-to-face just days before the offense. Sharonmarie Ball was the beneficiary of \$250,000 in life insurance payable upon her husband's death.

Sentencing is scheduled for Sharonmarie Ball on March 6, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., before United States District Court Judge Marilyn L. Huff.

**DEFENDANTS**

JASON WAYNE CLINE

SHARONMARIE BALL

**SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1113 (Attempted Murder) and 2 (Aiding and Abetting)  
Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration and a \$250,000 fine.

**AGENCIES**

Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
Federal Bureau of Investigation